

Montana Woody Biomass Working Group Participation Levels

Mission Statement

The Montana Woody Biomass Working Group (BWG) serves as an advisory body to the Montana State Forester to develop a “Woody Biomass Utilization Strategy”. By engaging a broad spectrum of stake holders and expertise, the BWG will analyze and address opportunities and challenges for increased utilization that is environmentally sound, and socially and economically viable.

This mission statement is an abbreviated version of our full statement of vision, goals, purpose, and phases of work on the website:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/forestry/Assistance/Biomass/WorkingGroup.asp>.

Levels of Participation

Members

Direct overall work of the Biomass Working Group. Members are expected to attend Working Group meetings in person and/or via video or tele-conference. Members will advise, comment, vote on and approve documents and activities of both the Working Group and Technical Sub-Groups.

Technical Advisors

Participate as needed/desired in activities and meetings of the Working Group and Technical Sub-Groups. Serve as scientific and/or technical experts in special fields and topics. Members and Observers may also serve as technical advisors as needed.

Observers

Individuals and organizations having an interest in work of the Biomass Working Group. Observers will be advised of Biomass Working Group activities via email, may attend meetings in person or via video or tele-conference. Observers can submit comments for consideration but will not vote on decisions of the Working Group.

Technical Sub-Groups

Sub-groups may form to accomplish specific work and goals of the Working Group. Members can nominate technical advisors from within and outside the Working Group for participation as needed to serve as scientific and/or technical experts on a specific topic.